

## **AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **What we do:**

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) was established in 1987 to help ensure that HIV-positive uninsured and under-insured individuals have access to medication. Currently, over 180 drugs are available through ADAP, and there are over 3,000 pharmacies statewide where clients can access these drugs.

### **Who we serve:**

Individuals are eligible for ADAP if they:

- are a resident of California;
- are HIV infected;
- are 18 years of age or older;
- have a Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) that does not exceed \$50,000;
- have a valid prescription from a licensed California physician; and
- lack private insurance that covers the medications or do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal.

Persons with an annual FAGI below 400 percent of the federal poverty level receive ADAP drugs at no cost. A co-payment is required for anyone whose annual adjusted gross income is between 400 percent of federal poverty level (currently \$40,840) and \$50,000.

### **ADAP for persons with other prescription drug coverage:**

Federal and State law requires that ADAP funds be used as the payer of last resort. ADAP's goal is to help individuals access and maintain prescription drug coverage, while ensuring that ADAP is used only after all other potential payer options are exhausted.

- *Private Insurance:* Persons eligible for private insurance coverage are required to access and utilize their prescription drug coverage benefit. ADAP is able to assist clients in meeting many of the out-of-pocket costs associated with private insurance prescription drug coverage.
- *Private Insurance/Premium Payment Program:* Persons who are eligible to receive insurance but are in need of premium payment assistance should be referred to the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency/Health Insurance Premium Payment (CARE/HIPP) Program or the Medi-Cal/HIPP Program.



- *Medicare Part D Premium Payment Program:* ADAP clients with Medicare Part D premiums may be eligible for payment assistance through the ADAP Premium Payment Program administered by the CARE/HIPP Program. See: [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Pages/OACAREHIPP.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Pages/OACAREHIPP.aspx).
- *Medicare Part D:* All Medicare eligible ADAP clients are required to utilize the prescription drug benefits available under Medicare Part D. ADAP is able to assist clients in meeting many of their out-of-pocket costs associated with the various levels of coverage available under Medicare Part D.

**What you should know:**

- Antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) delay progression of the disease and help prevent the life threatening infections that HIV-positive individuals are susceptible to due to their suppressed immune systems. As a result, ARVs enhance the quality of life for many HIV-positive persons and enable them to remain healthy and to work for as long as possible, thus reducing the cost of publicly funded health care services.
- ADAP served 32,842 clients in fiscal year 2007-08 and filled over 953,000 prescriptions for these clients.
- To enroll in ADAP, you may go to any of more than 200 enrollment sites located throughout California.

**Helpful resources:**

- To find the nearest ADAP enrollment site or pharmacy, or to find out more about the ADAP drug formulary, eligibility information, etc., please call Ramsell Public Health Rx, the ADAP pharmacy benefits management service provider, at **(888) 311-7632** or see Web site: [www.publichealthrx.com](http://www.publichealthrx.com).
- For a list of ADAP coordinators by local health departments, [click here](#).
- For more information on Medicare Part D, see Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Web site: [www.cms.medicare.org](http://www.cms.medicare.org) or (800) MEDICARE.
- For information about the Medi-Cal/HIPP Program, call (866) 298-8443.
- For information about the CARE/HIPP insurance continuation program or information on Medicare Part D Premium Payment assistance, call the Office of AIDS at (916) 449-5900.